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TNA PRESIDENT'S LETTER

With the stock market continuing it's wild gyrations, this seems like a good time to think about the economics of our hobby. I think the number of new coin collectors has been in decline for some years, this is for two primary reasons. Fewer young people have started collecting because they have no chance of finding a premium coin in change and coin collecting is a low tech, high personal input hobby and our children are growing up in a high tech, low personal input society.

Anyone who watched the rise and fall of the sports card boom should have noticed that it was started by the young collectors who hoped to buy a pack of cards and find in it a card worth more than the whole pack. Does that remind you of kids in the 60's going to the bank and buying rolls of coins to look through. Unfortunately, the adult speculators and manufacture's greed soon pushed the kids out of the card market and the collapse was underway.

However, over the last few years many of the kids who searched rolls in the 60's have come back to coin collecting as maturing baby boomers with disposable income. And the replacement for searching rolls seems to be a new group of collectors armed with their Cherrypicker's Guide searching the dealers stock for the multitude of documented and undocumented varieties. Both of these groups bode well for the hobby. While few collectors are strictly in it for the money, most are hopeful that they will make money over time or at least not lose much. Therefore, it is important that they have the opportunity to make some good buys. It is part of the pleasure of the hobby. The Grey Sheet and population reports have put the relatively new collector on a relatively even playing field with the dealers of many years experience. This reduces risk for the collector which makes purchasing more comfortable if not entirely safe.

Compare our buying to golfers, imagine buying a set of golf clubs, playing 100 rounds over two years, deciding to quit and getting 75% of all your money back. Coin collecting offers that kind of economic security few hobbies do. How we make coin collecting more interesting to a generation of children brought up on Star Wars is a difficult problem not yet solved. Certainly, the TNA with its Coins for A's, and people like Ralph Ross are attempting to address this issue. Never the less, I feel better about the state of coin collecting today than I have for years. I believe we will see slow, steady, sustainable growth in our hobby. The economy and collecting climate are right. I would like to hear your opinion-please write.

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

Barbara Lowell

Welcome to members #6051 - 6057 The following have applied for membership If approved, they will become members January 1, 1997

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We have received long-distance calls from two people both educators, who are interested in encouraging their students in this manner, and who have learned about the program from TNA members. We are in correspondence with them and sending them promotional material for their students. We need to get copies of fliers in the hands of every school principal or teacher that will consider spreading the word, and every coin club should be encouraging both their adult and youth members to do the same.

To give you some talking points, here is the way we are operation now.

Any student under the age of 18, in or out of the state of Texas, is eligible. We need a clear copy of the grade report they are submitting, it can be for a six week period, a semester, or a whole year. They will receive coins for even one "A" on one subject but we try to be more generous the more A's there are or for the more times the A's have been received. We no longer need the stamped, self-addressed envelope. We now have special bubble-pack envelopes that can resist the automated post office machinery without bursting and losing the coins, and all envelopes are taken to the post office to ensure getting correct postage. The most important thing of all is we need a clear correct mailing address for the young person, don't rely on the copy of the grade report being readable enough make sure you can read it, in hopes we can. And finally, we very much appreciate it if the applicant gives us some idea of what he is collecting or is interested in or most in need of. Unfortunately, they often want to have coins that we are probably never going to have to give, so second and third choices would be nice.

And while we're thanking people, we want to thank everybody that has had the confidence in us and let us do this. This is the most fun either of us has had in a long time. There are a lot of really nice people in coin collecting and a chance to encourage scholarship in young people, hang around with coin collectors and play with coins is almost too good to be true.

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NEWS ITEMS

FLYING EAGLE CENT HOARD

A Flying Eagle cent hoard was sold to Littleton Coin Co. in New Hampshire. The hoard totaled more than 5,000 cents with 3,671 of these being 1857 and 1858 cents. The entire purchase totaled 8,467 US type coins of the 18th and 19th century.

The breakdown of coins is as follows:

108 Draped Bust Classic Head and Coronet Half cents, 351 Classic Head and Coronet cents, 507 Copper nickel Indian Head cents, 370 Two cent pieces, 2,180 Copper nickel three cent pieces, 314 Seated Liberty dimes, 317 Seated Liberty quarters, 649 Seated Liberty halves.

There were two other hoards of flying eagle cents that are known. George W. Rice managed to collect 756 coins all dated 1856, and John A. Beck put together a collection containing 531 coins also all dated 1856.

BEP PRINTING NEW \$50

The new 1996 \$50 bill is out in the public hands, and many people didn't know it was coming. A number of retailers refused to take the new bill at first because they did not know the government had printed a new note.

The Federal Reserve ordered 342,400,000 notes for distribution to member banks across the country. The order called for notes to be printed for eight of the twelve Federal Reserve districts.

TWENTY-FIVE CENT BILL

Republican Michael Castle introduced legislation calling for a 10 year circulating commemorative quarter program honoring each of the 50 states. The bill is the same as the one introduced in 1996 with the exception that each state will have the authority to design the coin representing that state. Another change states that the design would not be "frivolous or inappropriate" because it is important that the nation's coinage bear dignified designs which the citizens of the US can be proud. Five coins will be issued each year beginning Jan. 1, 1999, for the states in the order they were admitted into the Union.

This is the order the coins will be struck and entered into circulation!

Year 1999 - Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Georgia, Connecticut

Year 2000 - Massachusetts, Maryland, S. Carolina, New Hampshire, Virginia

Year 2001 - New York, N. Carolina, Rhode Island, Vermont, Kentucky

Year 2002 - Tennessee, Ohio, Louisiana, Indiana, Mississippi

Year 2003 - Illinois, Alabama, Maine, Missouri, Arkansas

Year 2004 - Michigan, Florida, Texas, Iowa, Wisconsin

Year 2005 - California, Minnesota, Oregon, Kansas, W. Virginia

Year 2006 - Nevada, Nebraska, Colorado, N. Dakota, S. Dakota

Year 2007 - Montana, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, Utah

Year 2008 - Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, Alaska, Hawaii

Jan. 23-25**Houston, TX**

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Contact Francis Townsend, (281) 933-6165

Jan. 31/Feb. 1**Fort Worth, TX 65 Tables**

16th Annual Winter Coin & Stamp Show, Green Oaks Inn, 6901 West Freeway Contact Joe & Linda Wade, 6420 Diamond Loch, Fort Worth, TX 76180 Ph (817) 485-1777

Feb. 21**Pharr, TX 50 Tables**

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Profit and Loss
March 1997 through November 1997
Joe Olson - Treasurer

| | <u>Actual \$</u> |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| INCOME: | |
| Contributions Income | |
| Coins for A's | 90.00 |
| General | 565.50 |
| Mac Kennady Memorial | 220.00 |
| Youth Fund | <u>105.00</u> |
| Total Contributions Income | 980.50 |
| Interest Income | |
| Interest Income | 664.07 |
| Membership Dues | 4,153.75 |
| News Letter Advertising | 2,613.00 |
| Rental of Showcases | 500.00 |
| Sale of Medals | 4,781.32 |
| Sale of Showcases | 1,320.00 |
| TNA Corn Show | <u>7,269.09</u> |
| Total Income | 22,281.73 |
| EXPENSES: | |
| Clements Youth Activities | |
| General | |
| Awards | 807.50 |
| Elongated Cents | 953.00 |
| Insurance | 100.00 |
| Office Supplies | <u>417.00</u> |
| Total General | 2,277.50 |
| Medal Officer | |
| Cost of Medals | 2,702.59 |
| Medal Officer-Other | 269.91 |
| Total Medal Officer | 2,972.20 |
| Move Showcases | 1,010.29 |
| Office of the Editor | |
| Internet-Setup | 100.00 |
| Office of the Editor-Other | 1,272.21 |
| Office of the Editor-Stipend | 1,400.00 |
| Printing and Reproduction | <u>4,015.82</u> |
| Total Office of the Editor | 6,788.03 |
| Office of the President | 139.75 |

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| Office of the Secretary | |
| Office of the Secretary-Other | 200 23 |
| Office of the Secretary-Stipend | <u>2,158.30</u> |
| Total Office of the Secretary | 2,358 53 |
| Office of the Treasurer | <u>61.63</u> |
| Total Expense | <u>16,107.93</u> |
| Net Income | <u>6,173.80</u> |

Balance Sheet
October 31, 1997

CURRENT ASSETS:

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| Clear Lake Nat'l Bank | 17,647 63 |
| Hill Country Bank Austin | |
| Coins for A's Fund | 598 31 |
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| Hill Country Bank-Austin | <u>110.50</u> |
| Total Hill Country Bank | <u>2,684.64</u> |
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| CD-Clear Lake National Bank | 10,775 75 |
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| Total Other Current Assets | <u>21,994.08</u> |
| Total Current Assets | <u>42,326.35</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | <u>42,326.35</u> |

LIABILITIES & EQUITY:

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| Unrestricted Fund Balance | 36,152.55 |
| Net Income (loss) | <u>6,173.80</u> |
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TREASURE OF XERXES HUGE HOARD OF SILVER BURIED CIRCA 450 BC

And now, as he looked and saw the whole Hellespont covered with the vessels of his fleet and all the shore and every plain about Abydos as full as possible of men, Xerxes congratulated himself upon his good fortune, but after a little while he wept. His uncle Artabanus, who was with him at the time, asked about this strange expression of contradictory feelings. "I was thinking," Xerxes replied, "and it came into my mind how pitifully short human life is."

Herodotus VII, 45-46

This moment in history described by the ancient historian Herodotus was perhaps one of the greatest military undertakings in history given the current technology. The accounts relate that the great Persian king Xerxes amassed an army of 1,700,000 men for his invasion of Greece in 480 BC. An entire city was needed to feed the army just two meals, and an entire river ran dry when they drank. And huge quantities of silver coins were struck to finance the massive military payroll and all the expenses of huge military operations. The Hellespont was the water way at least a mile wide connecting the Black Sea and the Mediterranean Sea and separating Europe from Asia Minor. In order to move his vast army Xerxes commanded his engineers, mostly Phoenicians and Egyptians, to build a bridge. To do this 674 ships were tied together in a double row and planks were laid over the decks. The planks were covered with brushwood and dirt to create a road. Xerxes invaded Greece and very nearly succeeded in conquering the civilized world.

As the Persians moved through northern Greece they were met at the pass of Thermopylae, where the 300 Spartans led by Leonidas fought to the last man, and successfully delayed the Persian advance long enough for the Greek cities to prepare. Although Xerxes captured Athens, the Athenians had fled with their fleet to the nearby island of Salamis where the Persian fleet was defeated by the more experienced Athenian navy. The army of the allied Greek city-states, led by Spartans was able to defeat the Persian army at Plataea in 479 BC and effectively ended Xerxes attempted conquest of Greece.

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RELICS FROM THE INCEPTION OF THE FDIC

by Frank Clark

Bank failures occurred repeatedly during times of business recession up until the early 1930's when a method was devised to protect the deposits of the bank's customers - the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Previously, there had been various experiments in state bank insurance, group insurance and reserve funds, but none of these plans were satisfactory. It took the world business depression of the 1930's to plant the seeds of deposit insurance on a national scale and to restore the people's confidence in banks and help in the recovery from the Depression.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation was created as a temporary insurance plan by the Banking Act of 1933 and it was made permanent in 1935. The FDIC is a wholly bank owned and government managed insurance fund. Today, very few banks are not FDIC members. All national banks are required to be members, along with state bank members of the Federal Reserve System. Also, other types of banks can qualify for membership in the FDIC.

The start up funds for the FDIC came from the Treasury of the United States and from the twelve Federal Reserve Banks who purchased stock in the FDIC. Member banks also contribute to the fund with payments based on their annual deposits.

The FDIC was sorely tested by the many bank failures of the 1980's, but it is still in operation today. Shown here are two FDIC certificates of the First National Bank of Bogata, Texas. The first one is dated July 1, 1934 and is valid only until July 1, 1935. The second one is dated August 23, 1935 and deposits are now insured under the permanent plan. Both certificates have a gold embossed seal of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Washington, D.C. with the date the FDIC was founded - 1933. The certificates are worded slightly different and they have different signature combinations. The eagle and flag vignettes are different with the first certificate of 1934 having the motto of "EPLURIBUS UNUM" above the eagle.

I found these certificates to be very interesting and informative. The certificates became a window to peer into the beginnings of the FDIC.

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THE MINT "BRANCHES" OUT

BY BENNY BOLIN

After the United States gained its' independence in 1776, the country suffered many growing pains. A method to conduct business and other daily transactions of commerce was of major importance and concern. Formalizing a standard monetary system to meet the nation's demands was one of the first acts for the nation's needs. Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton authored the "Mint Act of 1792." This Act authorized the construction of the nation's first mint as well as allowed private citizens to bring their own gold and silver to the mint for coining for free. The mint was built in Philadelphia with David Rittenhouse as its' first director. He served from April 1792 until June 1795. The cornerstone of the mint was laid on July 31, 1792 at Seventh and Arch streets and was completed in the fall, the first federal building built by the new United States Government. The first coins, 11,178 copper cents were minted and delivered in March, 1793. The mint soon after began minting gold and silver coins, some supposedly struck from George Washington's own silver. Originally, the mint was under the control of the Secretary of State's office, but in 1799 it was changed to an independent agency reporting directly to the president. In the late 1820's, the original mint was too small to provide for the country's coinage needs. A new building was planned and completed in 1833 on Broad street, one-half mile west of the original mint. By the late 1890's, this facility also proved inadequate and another built in 1901. Space demand along with the need for better access to highways and better security resulting in the building of the current facility at Fifth and Arch Streets. The Philadelphia mint produced all types and denominations of our coins. With the exception of the 1942-1945 wartime nickels, coins minted at Philadelphia did not have a mint mark until the "P" was added in 1979.

EASTERN/CENTRAL U.S. BRANCHES

As the country grew and expanded, the need for branch mints soon became apparent. Gold and Silver finds as well as westward expansion began to bring attention to the need for other coining facilities. The country's first domestic source of gold was discovered in three northern Georgia counties in 1829. Before these finds, the Philadelphia mint relied entirely on foreign gold. These finds brought new and rapid growth since many people came hoping for a wealthy future. By 1830, fifty-six gold mines were in operation in the Carolina's area. Miners found a lot of gold in the north Georgia hills, but they had difficulty converting it into U.S. Currency. Gold from these Carolina sources had to be sent to Philadelphia for coining. This was a long, dangerous and expensive (5 - 10 cents per mile) journey that could take several months for the miner to receive his coins. The miners were responsible for paying all transportation and protection costs, both to and from the mint.

If a miner opted to not send his gold to Philadelphia for coining, he could sell it to banks or local merchants, but at a discount, often as high as 6%. Two private mints were opened to meet the demand, Templeton Reid's in 1830 and the Bechtler Mint in 1831. These did not meet the needs of the miners, as they still had to pay for having their gold coined. In December 1832, Georgia Congressman Augustin Clayton stated, *"we wish the laboring man to have it in his power to carry his gold himself to the mint and get its' true value instead of having to pay others."* On March 3, 1835, Congress approved "An Act to Establish Branches of the Mint of the United States." This act established branches at Dahlonega, GA, Charlotte, NC, and New Orleans, LA.

DAHLONEGA, GA MINT

The Dahlonega Mint began operation in January 1838. It minted half eagles from 1838 to 1861, quarter eagles from 1839 to 1859, three dollar gold coins in 1854 (only 1120 were minted) and gold dollars from 1849-1861. Between 1838 and when it was captured by the Confederacy on April 8, 1861, the mint coined 1,106,274 pieces with a face value of \$6,102,844. The facility was not re-opened after the Civil War. Coins minted at Dahlonega carry the "D" mint mark.

CHARLOTTE, NC MINT

The Charlotte, NC mint also opened in 1838. Its' first coins were coronet half eagles, minted on Wednesday, March 28, 1838. It began coining quarter eagles later that year and continued to mint half and quarter eagles until fire nearly totally destroyed the building on July 27, 1844. The mint was rebuilt and coinage resumed in October 1846, striking half and quarter eagles and gold dollars, beginning in 1849. The mint was taken over by confederate troops on April 20, 1861 and closed a month later. After the Civil War, the building was returned to the federal government, but was never again used as a coining facility. It re-opened in 1868 as an assay office and was closed on June 30, 1913. Coins minted at Charlotte carry the "C" mint mark.

NEW ORLEANS, LA MINT

Being the entry point of much of the foreign metals used in the United States coins, it was logical to have a branch mint in New Orleans. The building was designed by William Strickland. Also authorized by the Act of March 3, 1835, the mint began coining operations in 1838. In 1861, it was taken over and became the mint of the Confederacy. When Union troops captured New Orleans, they used the building as a prison for confederate troops. The mint served as an assay office from 1876-1879. It resumed coining operations in 1879, minting both gold and silver coins. Minting continued until 1909 and the facility was allowed to mint silver coins as well as gold.

Coining operations were ceased in 1909, but the facility again served as an assay office from 1909 until 1942 when it was completely closed. During its operations, it coined a total of \$298,660,707.60 in U.S. coins. All coins minted at New Orleans carry the "O" mint mark.

WESTERN BRANCHES **SAN FRANCISCO, CA MINT**

Rapid westward expansion, the gold rush of 1848 and the Comstock Lode silver strike, necessitated coining facilities in the western United States. The San Francisco mint was authorized by the Act of July 3, 1852. Located in Commercial Street between Montgomery and Kearney, coining operations began in 1854. A new facility was begun in 1870 and completed in 1874 at Mission and Fifth Streets. The current building was built in 1937 and was designed by a Treasury Department Architect, Gilbert Underwood. The mint produced coins for over one hundred years until March, 1955 when operations were suspended. It served as an assay office until the "Coinage Act of 1965" restarted its coinage operations. All coins minted at San Francisco carry the "S" mint mark.

CARSON CITY, NV MINT

The discovery of the Comstock Lode caused businessmen in Nevada to want a coining facility of their own. They had to ship their silver to San Francisco for processing. They argued that since transportation costs were so high, and that since they could sometimes get better prices if they shipped their silver from San Francisco to foreign cities, more of the silver would stay in the United States if they had a facility close by. Establishment of the facility in Carson City, Nevada, was authorized by the "Act of March 3, 1863." Congressman H.P. Bennett was appointed to investigate sites. However, due to Civil War, little was done at that time. In February, 1865, Congress authorized the purchase of a full city block to build the facility on. However, they debated the purchase so long, they could not act. Finally, in July, 1867, plans for the facility were finalized and accepted. The facility was built of sandstone blocks that were quarried at the Nevada State Prison. Because mining usually paid better than construction, workers were hard to find, so the building progressed very slowly, taking almost three years to build. On February 10, 1870, the first coins, 2,330 silver dollars were finally struck. Coinage operations continued until 1893, when the facility became an assay office until it was closed in 1933. During its operations, the Carson City Mint produced a total of \$49,274,434.30 in U.S. coins. Coins minted at Carson City carry the "CC" mint mark.

DENVER, CO MINT

The idea of a mint in Denver, Colorado was originated by Congressman Hiram Bennett.

It was authorized by the "Act of April 21, 1862" \$75 000 was designated for the mint and a committee was created to decide whether to build a totally new facility or to buy out the private mint of Clark, Gruber and Company. In October 1862, an agreement was reached to buy the Clark, Gruber facility. Terms were finalized on November 25, 1862 and the final transfer was done in April 1863. Dr. O. D. Numson was appointed assayer for the Denver Mint. The facility operated as an assay office until it began coming operations in February, 1906. Coins minted at Denver carry the "D" mint mark.

THE NEWEST BRANCH WEST POINT NY MINT

The West Point NY mint was placed in a building erected in 1938 as a silver storage facility. It was located on a four acre tract of land on the West Point Military Academy. Coinage began in 1984 and today produces uncirculated silver one-ounce bullion coins and all sizes of proof and uncirculated American Eagle coins. All coins minted at West Point carry the "W" mint mark.

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District Meetings



DISTRICT I

Mid-Cities Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

The September meeting was attended by 37 members and guests. The Oct. program will feature the second half of the video on "Grading Mint State Coins." President Jim Fitzgerald made a motion for a Bourse night in November instead of the regular meeting, and charging the people that want a table to show good a \$5 fee. The motion passed. Gary Hill was appointed nominations chairman at this meeting. Karim Adkins volunteered to be the refreshment chairman for the last quarter of the year. The Christmas party is scheduled for Dec. 6th.

The Mid-Cities Coin Club meets the 1st Tuesday of each month, at the California Lane Church of Christ in Arlington, at 6:30pm.

--Bob Millard, Corresponding Secretary

Fort Worth Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

The Sept. program was presented by Tim Lobstein. The club is using a new two part form for the auction and it seems to be working out. There were 36 members and guests present. The Fort Worth CC received the Club Salute Award from the TNA. Bourse night will be held at the regular meeting time Oct. 2nd. The Christmas party is scheduled for Dec. 4th. The Fort Worth coin show will be Nov. 1 and 2.

The Fort Worth Coin Club meets the 1st Thursday of each month at the Fort Worth Botanical Gardens, at 7:00pm.

--Bob Millard, Treasurer; Russell Prinzing, Dist. Governor

DISTRICT III

Key City Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

There were 21 members and guests present at the Sept. 4th meeting. The club discussed placing ads in the Abilene Reporter and the Thrifty nickel to let people know about the club. The Key City Coin, Stamp, Sports Card Show is Oct. 11th, at the Family Life Center. The program was given by Harry Littleton on "Bust Seated Halves described by Walter Breen's Encyclopedia." Numismatic News sent a show kit for the upcoming show on Oct. 11th.

The Oct. 2nd meeting was the planning meeting for those that are volunteers at the show. The Ad in the Abilene Reporter News will run about \$321 which is more than first reported. Ron gave a report on the San Angelo show.

The quality of coins shown were exceptional. Card dealers were not allowed in the show except the home dealer. Bob Kirkley gave the program on the "New \$100 & \$50 bills. The following were nominated for officers next year:

President - Harry Littleton, Randall Thornton

1st Vice President - Chuck Lovor, Jim Saunders

2nd Vice President - Mary Lou Meeginson, Bob Kirkley

Sec / Treas - Carol Harding

Francis Thornton will check on the Christmas Party

The club wishes to thank everyone that attended the show. It was successful and a lot of fun. There were 30 dealers from all over the state and two stamp dealers. The club also thanks the First Baptist Church for the location.

The Nov. 6th meeting 21 members and guests present. The Christmas party will be held at the Quality Inn and everyone will pay their own way. The show on Oct. 11th went well. The members voted to discontinue Camolot coverage on the internet. District Gov. Bob Bills attended the show.

The Key City Coin Club meets the 1st Thursday of each month, at the Rose Park Senior Citizens Bldg., Abilene.

--Bob Kirkley, Secretary/Treasurer

San Angelo Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

At the Sept. meeting there were 25 members and guests present. The auction had a 99% sell though. The club needs volunteers to bring refreshments. The club has been sued from a problem at the show, everyone needs to attend the next meeting to discuss this. The hobby is having a hard time attracting new young members. Dealers feel the hobby is expensive but if a teenager can buy expensive shoes like "Nike" or "Tommy" pants and shirts they can afford to collect coins. The show was successful and made the club a profit.

There were 26 members at the Oct. meeting. Because the auction last month had so many lots the club decided to limit the number of items a person may put in the auction to four. The financial report from the show was accepted and the members approved the purchase of coins for the drawings. The Coins for Kids program is working very well with all the donations given to the club. Gold is going down and silver is climbing, now might be the time to invest. The club needs people to give programs, members are encouraged to talk about their interests. Everyone should remember to vote for new club officers.

At the November meeting Bob Bills shared an idea for the Kid's program. Tom Copland won the Seated Dollar. The club is looking for a new President. The Christmas dinner will be Dec. 11th at the same location. The cost will be \$8.50 per plate. There will be a drawing for a gold Mexican \$2 peso.

The San Angelo Coin Club meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at La Casa Blanca Restaurant, at 7:00pm.

--Luis F. Reyes

DISTRICT V

Dallas Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)



There were 16 members and guests present at the September meeting. Richard Smith gave a presentation on a new computer program the help people catalogue their coins with photos. The DCC entered the ANA publication contest and did not win but received the book "The Modern Minting Process, US Minting Errors and Varieties". Gary Hill told the members about the upcoming TNA fall board meeting. The spring 1998 coin show the club is doing with the Mid-Cities club is in full swing with most of the tables already sold. The Dallas, Fort Worth, and Mid-Cities coin clubs are planing a trip to Waxahachie to see a gold and currency collection in the Citizens National Bank vault on Nov. 7th. Lawrence Herrera gave a report on the Long Beach Show. Hal Cherry gave the program on "The Other Fractional Currency". Mike Grant brought the TNA cases the club members ordered for \$30 each.

At the Oct. 16th meeting there were 14 members present. The members were reminded of the upcoming trip to Waxahachie to view the gold and currency. The Christmas dinner will be Dec. 11th and there will not be a club meeting. The nominations for officers for 1998 are as follows: President - Hal Cherry, Vice President - Bob Barsanti and Lawrence Herrea, Secretary/Treasurer - Frank Clark and Ron Blaha. Ben Hong volunteered to be the refreshment chairman for the first quarter of 1998. The program was given by Frank Clark on "DCC member S. Louis Moore."

The club had fifteen members present at the Nov. 20th meeting. Gary Hill reported that the tables for the April 10-11, 1998 show are sold out. Members from the three area clubs went to the Citizens National Bank in Waxahachie and saw some amazing coins and currency, items that many of us have never seen. The election was held this meeting and the new officers are: President - Hal Cherry, Vice President - Lawrence Herrea, Secretary/Treasurer - Frank Clark. Mike Grant won the competition for the best program given in 1997, on his Hawaiian Coins. Paul Garner said he would give the area clubs a table at each of his shows to promote the clubs. The program was given by Mike Grant on "US Gold Dollars 1849-1889".

The Dallas Coin Club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Dallas International Center (Preston Center) in Dallas, at 7:30pm.

--Mike Grant, Secretary/Treasurer

DISTRICT VI

Bellaire Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)



At the Aug. 18th meeting Jim Bevill gave more details on the Coin Show report. Jim Klodosky was nominated and voted in as treasurer. Jim Bevill displayed a "National Coin week" Certificate from the ANA. Clark Samelson donated a book "Nation Bank Notes" to the club. There will be no meeting on Sept. 1st. The club donated \$100 to Boy Scout Troop 266.

Tom Luckner informed the club that the Aldine School District plans to create a young numismatic coin club

There were 38 members and guests present at the Sept. 15th meeting. The club will look into a tax exempt number for the 1998 show. Jim Beville showed a Coin World article by club member Stan Puckett on "Polish Coins". Four members of the club gave a report on the Long Beach Coin Show. Bill Hooven reminded the members about his monthly coin show at the Holiday Inn Select. Jim Beville reminded the club about the Southeast Texas Coin & Collectible Show Sept. 27-28. The Oct. 6th program will be "Counterfeit Currency In Circulation" by Lighton Greenlee of the US Secret Service. The club discussed combining the Bellaire and Houston clubs for the Christmas party. Seth Kravitz and Brian Holland gave the program on "Greek Coins".

Thirty-three members and guests attended the Oct. 6th meeting. Jim Beville noted the "Numismatic News" had an article about the Bellaire children's auction. Jim also announced the Christmas dinner would be with the Greater Houston club, on Dec. 8th at the Hyatt Regency around 6:30pm. Members are free, guests cost \$18.

The Oct. 20th meeting had 41 members and guests present. Bill Hooven noted that the TNA News had a notice about Joe Wells. John Evans took reservations for the Christmas dinner. Jim Beville read a letter from Ralph Ross and Bhavin Shah asking for donations to send students to the FUN show. Jim Beville gave the program on "US Commemoratives Part 2".

At the Nov. 3 meeting there were 42 members and guests. Jim also told everyone that the Numismatist had an obituary about Joe Wells. The Greater Houston Coin Club is providing \$200 for Christmas prizes at the Christmas dinner. The club now has 135 paid members in the current roster. The club voted to donate \$300 to the Clements Coin Club for the trip to FUN. The club members supported a plan to have club T-shirts. "History of His Collection" was the program presented by Don Swanson.

On Nov. 17th there were 34 members and guests. The Pasadena Coin Show is on Nov. 21st, and the Alamo Coin Show is Dec. 6th. Bill Hooven reported on the Fort Worth Coin Show, and Louis Whitaker reported on the Baltimore Coin Show. Rodney Puckett gave the program on "Gold Robbed From A Bank in Jackson Tennessee".

The Bellaire Coin Club meets the first and third Mondays of each month at the Bellaire Public Library, at 7:00pm.

--Michael Wolford, Club Editor



Clements Coin Club, (The C-Cubed)

The Aug. 28th issue of the C-Cubed had an article from President Bhavin Shah on the meetings that have already been held this year. There is a point system for the members to see who has done the best at fund raising, exhibiting, recruiting, publishing, and presentations at meetings.

In the Sept. 4th newsletter an announcement was made that club elections are Sept. 11th. This club has the largest number of people running for office of any club in the state.

There are at least three people running in each office and as many as five in some of them. There is a letter from Bradley York the past Editor of the C-Cubed, wishing everyone well, he is now at BYU.

The Sept. 18th newsletter tells who won the elections

President - Bhavin Shah, Vice President - Stephanie Lo, Secretary - Chesca Alquiros, Treasurer - Shalin Shah, Editor/Publisher - Gina Yiu, Historian - Jason Ross, Sergeant at arms - Sutin Yang. The club is planing a trip to the Fun Show in Florida on Jan. 8-11. The TNA and numerous clubs have donated money to the club to help pay for the trip. Steven Roach President of YNA wrote to the club stating that his organization would support them. The club is looking for designs or ideas for C-Cubed T-shirts from its members. On Thursday Oct. 16th there is a free dinner for all members at the Buffet Express Restaurant. There will be a slide presentation on "How German Enigma Code was Solved by the Allies"

In the Oct. 23rd issue Ralph Ross wrote a letter to all members about the great job the students are doing and the donations for the trip to Florida. There is also a letter from Cindy Grellman, Convention Coordinator for the FUN show, thanking the club for showing an interest in their convention and they are planing a field trip for the students.

The Clements Coin Club is our young numismatists club from Clements High School in Sugarland, Texas, also the largest YN Coin Club in the Country.

--Sini Jacob, Club Secretary

Greater Houston Coin Club, (Double Shift)

Forty-two members attended the August 21st meeting. Walt Mehnert invited everyone to attend the Rice Belt Coin Club, 13th Annual Coin Show in El Campo, on Sept. 13th. Francis Townsend reported that there are reservations for 26 tables at the upcoming GHCC Money Show on Jan. 23-25. The club president suggested the club hold the Christmas party with the Bellaire Club. The Vice President asked that members speak up and give the monthly programs and submit items to the newsletter. The guest speaker was Sputnik Monroe on his exciting wrestling career.

At the Sept. 18th meeting there were 28 members and guests present. Member Ralph Ross was written up in the NCNA newsletter about his award from Krause Publications as Numismatic Ambassador. Coin World printed an announcement about the History of the Polish Mint in the City of Gdansk to illustrate its millennium. The Article written by Stan Garczynski, was printed in "The Moneta" newsletter published by the PANA - Chicago. Stan Garczynski presented a 42 page brochure with a series of essays on the Gdansk History and Coinage, which is presently printed in Chicago, and will be available in Early October 1997. The Christmas dinner will be Dec. 8th at the Regency Hotel in Houston with the Bellaire CC. Jim Klodosky gave a presentation on the ANA Summer Conference.

There is a very good article in this newsletter on the ANA Summer Conference by Jim

The Greater Houston Coin Club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month, at the Buffet Express, at 7:30pm

--Stan Garczynski, Vice President

Pasadena Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

At the August 11th meeting Val Kotrous gave the program on "Morgan Dollars". The Sept. 8th program will be by Robert McGee of US Coins on "Civil War Memorabilia". The Pasadena Coin Show will be Nov. 21-23 at the Holiday Inn. Any member is invited to express their editorial opinion on the coin collecting hobby in the newsletter. Harry Callander passed away. There were 39 members and guests present at the Aug. 11th meeting. There is an article from Mike Anderson on the current state of affairs with our hobby and young collectors.

At the Sept. 8th meeting Robert McGee gave a report on "Civil War Memorabilia". The club voted to have a True Pot Luck Dinner at the Church for the Christmas Dinner. Member Carol Mickler passed away. The club approve \$300 to be used for Prizes at the Christmas Dinner. The club will purchase few and more expensive coins for prizes.

Bob Bing brought up the discussion on having an elongate cent made for the club at the Sept. 22nd meeting. Alan Perry informed the club that the Bellaire and Houston clubs are having their Christmas party the same evening as this club's dinner. It was suggested that the PCC change the dinner to the First Monday of December.

The Pasadena Coin Club meets every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at the Golden Corral Restaurant, at 7:00pm.

--Annette Bing, Club Secretary

DISTRICT VII

Alamo Coin Club, (The Alamo News)



At the August 14th meeting there were twenty-one members and guests present. The show report listed 30 tables sold and ads placed in the Express-News, TVNow, and Weekender. Some items brought to the meeting include the first three issues of Coin World 1960, a Fugio Cent, a variety of medals, a 1995 double die cent. The program was on the ANA slide program "Coins of Colonial America".

There were 22 members at the Aug. 28th meeting. The show committee is looking at the Aug. 1998 show. Items brought to the meeting include, 1985 proof gold Mexico 250 peso, and Inquirer article about a 1943-S cent selling for \$49,500, a 1922 plain cent, variety III, an encased MS65 Barber Half 1903, China 10 cash coins, and a 1935 Buffalo nickel slabbed MS66.

Sept. 11th had eighteen members attend. The show report indicated the club made a modest profit. Insurance will go up starting with the Dec. 6th show. Dr. James B. will be the club ANA representative.

Among the items brought to the meeting were, a standing liberty quarter with an upside down S mint mark, a 1896 & 1900 Morgan dollar, both with doubled eagles, a 1763 German Nurnberg Thaler that had been gold plated, a token for 2 bars of Oxydo soap, a 10 cent fractional currency note from the Hudson River bank of Hoboken, and a 1894 German New Guinea 5 Mark coin. The program was the ANA slide program "Dating Systems on Coins"

Twenty-two members attended the Sept. 25th meeting. Items brought to the meeting include, 1925 Canadian nickel from the reign of George V, a complete set of Mexican Revolution gold, a souvenir set of 10 California gold tokens, an 1856 20,000 Reis gold coin, a 1913 Hobo Nickel, a 1978 cent misaligned 15%, and an 8 reales from the Mexico Oaxaca mint 1876. This newsletter also has an article by RS Yoeman on Moneys of the Bible.

The Oct. 9th meeting had 16 members and guests present. The Nov. program will be on the pilgrims' voyage on the Mayflower, and their settlement of Plymouth. The program this night was on "Coins of the Bible" an slide program. Items brought to the meeting include, 1954 Canadian \$2 & \$5 Devils Face notes, a 1923 Canadian large \$1 note.

On Oct. 23 there were 23 members attending. The club voted to have the Christmas party in lieu of the Dec. meeting. All tables are sold for the upcoming show. Members brought the following items to the meeting, a 1731 1/2 Real and a 1687 8 Reales, 1881 Seated Liberty half dollar in MS64, a 1933D quarter with a die break and a 3cent fractional currency note 1863.

The Alanio Coin Club meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at the Maverick Cafe at 7:00pm.

--Harold Eiserloh, Club Editor



Gateway Coin Club, (The Gatepost)

The July 17th meeting had 21 members and guests present. Recently elected TNA president Kirk Menczer, and David Atwood were welcomed by the club. The educational program was presented by Jim English on "Coinage of the Falklands". Some items brought to the meeting were a National Geographic magazine with an interesting article on coins and archeology, a Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan president picker medallion, a 1997 Royal Canadian mint 10th Anniversary silver proof Loon Dollar.

At the Aug. 7th meeting there were 27 members present. Items brought to the meeting include two 1918 tokens, one Service with American Army 9th Infantry Club and the other with the legend "Trust in the Lord and Keep Your Powder Dry", a large bronze medal depicting Emperor Maximilian and Carlota, and a double headed Waslington cent from 1783-1795.

Twenty-five members attended the Aug. 21st meeting. The nominating committee presented the slate of club officers for next year, the current officers agreed to serve another year. The election will be at the Sept. 4th meeting.

Karla Galindo gave a report on the plans for the 35th Anniversary Banquet. Harold Eiserloh announced the Alamo CC upcoming show on Aug. 30th. Vicki English gave the program on "Small Change." Items brought to the meeting for review include: a 1994 St. Eligius medal, a book that marks the 45th Anniversary of the founding of Krause Publications, a 1997 Canadian silver dime, an 1888 Mexican silver 8 reales and German Notegeld note from World War I, a 1928-S Peace dollar with double initials and double motto, and a 1944-D cent with a rotated reverse and a die break. The 35th club Anniversary and installation of officers will be Sept. 18th.

The Gateway Coin Club meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month, at Shoney's Restaurant, at 7:00pm.

--Frank Galindo, Club President

DISTRICT VIII

Corpus Christi Coin club, (Club Newsletter)

At the July 15th meeting there were 2 members present. The August 19th meeting had 8 members there. The members discussed the upcoming show. Five members were present at the Sept. meeting. The club show will be on Oct. 11th and 12th in Sunrise mall. There are approximately 20 tables and a silent auction. The club reported on the TNA mid-years board meeting in Austin. Martha Burke wrote an article on the clubs in the area and the importance of supporting your local club. Another article by Jennifer Ramsey, Editor in Chief of the Del Mar Foghorn, tells about becoming a club member, or volunteer, and the responsibilities involved with this. How many people say they are involved in something and do not fulfill their obligation to the organization they are associated with.

The Corpus Christi Coin Club meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month, in the Sunrise Room of the Sunrise Mall, at 7:00pm.

--Martha & David Burke

DISTRICT IX

South Plains Coin Club, (Club Meeting Report Form)



Twenty-eight members attended the Sept. 1st meeting. The new officers for the club will be elected on Nov. 3rd. The Oct. 6th meeting will be election night. Lamonte Pitzer reported on the TNA, and Sharon Rice read a letter to the club on the Coins for A's program. Greg Chronholm gave the program on "Medals of Mexico."

There were 26 members present at the Oct. 6th meeting. The annual election is now and the nominations are as follows: President - Sharon Rice, Vice President - Hanson Ling, Lynn Parker, Secretary - James Golden, Treasurer - Mike Carpenter, and Director - Bill Bevers. Club discussions include the following: Coins for A's - they need donations. The ANA video, "The Money Story" has been passed out to most Lubbock schools. Combining the annual hot dog supper and the annual swap meet. By-laws changer for voting procedures were approved.

The club voted to use Danny's Catering for the Christmas party. Donations of proceeds from the Christmas Auction was tabled until the Nov. meeting. All kids age 8 and under would get their meal free. Nominations for officers. Mike Carpenter gave the program on "British Coins".

The Nov. 3rd meeting was called to order with 33 members and guests present. The election for officers was held and the following were elected: President - Sharron Rice, Vice President - Lynn Parker, Secretary - James Golden, Treasurer - Mike Carpenter, Director - Bill Bevers. The Christmas party will be on Dec. 1st, and Meals on Wheels will receive the donation this year. Lamonte reported that a number of members gave donations to the Coins for A's program. Some of the ANA tapes "The Money Story" are available for other towns around Lubbock. Lynn and Marty Parker gave the program on "Confederate States Currency".

The South Plains Coin Club meets the first Monday of each month, at 7:30pm.

--James Golden, Secretary; Lamonte Pitzer, District IX Governor

DISTRICT XI

Golden Spread Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)



The Sept. newsletter lists the slate of officers for the upcoming year: President - open, 1st Vice President - open, 2nd Vice President - OB Latimer, Secretary - Ken Horn, Treasurer - Paula White. At the Oct. meeting Ken Horn will present the TNA mid-year meeting report. The Christmas party will be Dec. 7th at the Western Sizzlin. Some items brought to the meeting include: 1917 large \$2 bill, a 1923 large \$1 bill, a US 25cent fractional currency, and a Kingdom Nepal Coronations set 1974 Emporor. The TNA Coins for A's program is on the ball and the kids are getting their coins. The 1998 show will be Aug. 7-9 at the Civic Center.

The Oct. newsletter states the election of officers will be at the Nov. meeting. Ballots will be mailed to members and must be back to the secretary by Nov. 3rd. The slate of officers nominated for office are: President - Pam Tipton, 1st Vice President - RL "Tommy" Tompkins, 2nd Vice President - OB Latimer, Secretary - Ken Horn, Treasurer - Paula White. The Nov. program will be given by Charles Miller on "Commemoratives". The Christmas dinner will be on Dec. 7th at 6:30pm at the Western Sizzlin Steak House, members are free, guests cost \$9.50 each.

The Golden Spread Coin Club meets the first Monday of each month, in the Presidents room of NationsBank in Amarillo, at 7:00pm.

--Nela Runkle, Editor

DISTRICT XIII

Wichita Falls-Red River Stamp & Coin club, (Club Newsletter)



The Sept. program will be presented by Gary Burks on "National Currency". Club member Bill McCue passed away.

This newsletter has a very good article on the new circulating commemorative coin program that has been proposed by members of congress

The Oct newsletter reminds everyone that the Annual Red River Coin and Stamp Show is coming up soon. Two members of the club were in the news recently, Jason Blair for his model train layout at the Zephyr Days Celebration, and Ted Brewer for his volunteer services. Ray went to the Greenbelt Coin Club in Vernon and was disappointed in the attendance, he asks that everyone renew their enthusiasm in numismatics and make a concerted effort to attend club meetings so good clubs don't go away. The show is getting ready and volunteers are needed to help out, the show dates are Nov 22-23

The Wichita Falls-Red River Stamp & Coin club meets the 4th Thrus of each month at the Beverly Dr United Methodist Church, at 7:30pm

--Raymond E. Whyborn, Secretary

DISTRICT XV

Beaumont Coin Club, (My Two Bits)

There were 13 members present at the August meeting. The program schedule was given for the rest of the year. It appears that the people giving the programs each month are also responsible for the refreshments. Jack Provost reported that there are deposits on 23 tables for the next show. On the committee meeting on Sept 6th he reported that the show is sold out. Judy reminded everyone that lots are still needed for the YN auction at the show on Sept 27th. The club will give the Lower Neches Valley Authority a basket filled with goodies sometime in Sept. Ed White made a motion to purchase another roll of silver rounds for the door prizes, this was passed. Jerry Williams gave the club the roll of silver rounds and came up with the 1/10 oz gold eagle for the door prize at the coin show. Judy reported that there were some copies of the tape "The Money Story", several people took copies to local schools in the Beaumont, Lumberton and Slatbee areas. It was reported that the four clubs will net modest amounts from the show, ideas were discussed on ways to raise revenue. These include a \$2 charge at the door and a coin raffle. The Christmas party was discussed and A motion was made by Jack Fortune to double the door prizes at the party and give away five dinners. Jerry Williams asked anyone interested in joining the TNA to see Barbara Edwards for an application. Bill Stein gave the program on the "Louis E. Eliasberg, Sr. Coin Collection"

At the Sept 18th meeting there were 13 members and 2 guests. Bill Stein the club secretary wrote the newsletter from Trinidad and Tobago. Jack Provost reported that the coin show was sold out. Judy reported the YN auction received all the lots needed. Bill Stein was scheduled to be a guest on the Dan Gresham Morning Show. The basket for the LNVA was put together and will be given in Oct. The Christmas party will be held on Dec 18th at the Red Lobster off I-10 in Beaumont. Reed Marton gave the program on "Currency in Early America"

The Oct 6th meeting was called to order with 13 members and guests present Jack Provost, Judy Matherne and Bill Stein reported on the coin show. There was a lower attendance number than anticipated but the tables were sold out and everyone had a good time. The basket with goodies was presented to LNVA personnel in Oct. Barbara Edwards and Jerry Williams suggested inviting the TNA to hold it's fall board meeting in this area during one of the local shows. The club agreed to this idea with enthusiasm. Judy Matherne gave the program on the life and times of several numismatic legends. This issue also has the second half of an article entitled "War Gave Two Cent Piece a Chance." There is a four page auction list for the Nov. 20th club auction.

The Beaumont Coin Club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Lower Neches Valley Authority Admin. Building, at 7:00pm.

-- Bill Stein, Club Secretary

Greater Orange Coin Club, (The Double Eagle)

At the August meeting there were 11 members present. Barbara Edwards gave the program on "Civil War Tokens." The Spring show will be March 14-15 at the Ramada Inn. The club is picking its logo at the Sept. meeting and will unveil the winning design at the October meeting. There is an interesting article on the Civil War and Encased Postage.

There were 8 members at the Sept. meeting. The members had a very lively discussion on numismatics instead of a program. The club planed the Christmas dinner at Tuffy's on Dec. 11th. Four free meals will be given away in three separate drawings. Dewey and David Scott will serve as the nominating committee for the 1998 Club Officers. The members discussed the Beaumont coin show and the upcoming spring show. There is an article on the Carnival Ride of Bimetallism titled "Time of the Century."

Ten members attended the Oct. meeting. There was a report on the Beaumont Show and it was reported that the four area clubs made a modest profit. Unfortunately several dealers suffered losses due to theft. The Spring show will have better security. Jerry Williams made the motion to have the club pay for the Christmas dinner for all members. This motion passed. Jerry will give a program in Nov. on "Commemoratives." Dewey reported that six tables have already been sold for the spring show. Barbara Edwards reported on the board meeting of the TNA and the \$500 donated by the TNA to the Clements Coin Club. She also informed everyone that the Coins For A's program needs donations. In this issue there is an article titled "For the Love of Money", about a collector named Kevin Mercanti and the 1913 Nickel.

The Greater Orange Coin Club meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Thonem Community Center in Orange, at 7:00pm.

--Charles Cagle, Club Secretary



Greater Port Arthur Coin Club, (Dollars and Cents)

The Sept. meeting had 11 members and guests present. Ed White gave a program on Germany's economy from the end of WWI through WWII.

The Oct. program will be given by Jerry Williams on "Money and Coins". The Money Story videos were given out along with the Penny Boards. The show committee is scheduled to meet at Judy Matherne's office on Sept. 6th. The costs have gone up, a discussion was held on a different place to hold the show.

There were 15 members present at the Oct. 2nd meeting. The Christmas dinner will be at Dorothy's Front Porch on Dec. 4th. Young Numismatist JT Taylor won the gold coin at the show and was invited to the club meeting to receive his prize, he was also given a penny board, coin collector's starter kit, and the Money Story video. The program by Jerry Williams "Money and Coins" was very good, and the program next month will be by Rick Lanclos on "Memorability".

The Greater Port Arthur Coin Club meets on the 1st Thurs. of each month at the County Clinic in Port Arthur, at 7:00pm.

--Ray Gannaway, Club Secretary

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This newsletter has a very good article on the new circulating commemorative coin program that has been proposed by members of congress

The Oct. newsletter reminds everyone that the Annual Red River Coin and Stamp Show is coming up soon. Two members of the club were in the news recently, Jason Blair for his model train layout at the Zephyr Days Celebration, and Ted Brewer for his volunteer services. Ray went to the Greenbelt Coin Club in Vernon and was disappointed in the attendance. He asks that everyone renew their enthusiasm in numismatics and make a concerted effort to attend club meetings so good clubs don't go away. The show is getting ready and volunteers are needed to help out, the show dates are Nov. 22-23.

The Wichita Falls-Red River Stamp & Coin club meets the 4th Thurs of each month at the Beverly Dr. United Methodist Church, at 7:30pm

--Raymond E. Whyborn, Secretary

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Beaumont Coin Club, (My Two Bits)

There were 13 members present at the August meeting. The program schedule was given for the rest of the year. It appears that the people giving the programs each month are also responsible for the refreshments. Jack Provost reported that there are deposits on 23 tables for the next show. On the committee meeting on Sept. 6th he reported that the show is sold out. Judy reminded everyone that lots are still needed for the YN auction at the show on Sept. 27th. The club will give the Lower Neches Valley Authority a basket filled with goodies sometime in Sept. Ed White made a motion to purchase another roll of silver rounds for the door prizes, this was passed. Jerry Williams gave the club the roll of silver rounds and came up with the 1/10 oz. gold eagle for the door prize at the coin show. Judy reported that there were some copies of the tape "The Money Story", several people took copies to local schools in the Beaumont, Lumberton and Slisbee areas. It was reported that the four clubs will net modest amounts from the show. Ideas were discussed on ways to raise revenue. These include a \$2 charge at the door, and a coin raffle. The Christmas party was discussed and a motion was made by Jack Fortune to double the door prizes at the party and give away five dinners. Jerry Williams asked anyone interested in joining the TNA to see Barbara Edwards for an application. Bill Stein gave the program on the "Louis F. Eliasberg, Sr. Coin Collection".

At the Sept. 18th meeting there were 13 members and 2 guests. Bill Stein the club secretary wrote the newsletter from Trinidad and Tobago. Jack Provost reported that the coin show was sold out. Judy reported the YN auction received all the lots needed. Bill Stein was scheduled to be a guest on the Dan Gresham Morning Show. The basket for the LNVA was put together and will be given in Oct. The Christmas party will be held on Dec. 18th at the Red Lobster off I-10 in Beaumont. Reed Marton gave the program on "Currency in Early America."

The Oct. 6th meeting was called to order with 13 members and guests present. Jack Provost, Judy Matherne and Bill Stein reported on the coin show. There was a lower attendance number than anticipated but the tables were sold out and everyone had a good time. The basket with goodies was presented to LNVA personnel in Oct. Barbara Edwards and Jerry Williams suggested inviting the TNA to hold it's fall board meeting in this area during one of the local shows. The club agreed to this idea with enthusiasm. Judy Matherne gave the program on the life and times of several numismatic legends. This issue also has the second half of an article entitled "War Gave Two Cent Piece a Chance". There is a four page auction list for the Nov. 20th club auction.

The Beaumont Coin Club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Lower Neches Valley Authority Admin. Building, at 7:00pm.

-- Bill Stein, Club Secretary

Greater Orange Coin Club, (The Double Eagle)

At the August meeting there were 11 members present. Barbara Edwards gave the program on "Civil War Tokens". The Spring show will be March 14-15 at the Ramada Inn. The club is picking its logo at the Sept. meeting and will unveil the winning design at the October meeting. There is an interesting article on the Civil War and Encased Postage.

There were 8 members at the Sept. meeting. The members had a very lively discussion on numismatics instead of a program. The club planned the Christmas dinner at Tuffy's on Dec. 11th. Four free meals will be given away in three separate drawings. Dewey and David Scott will serve as the nominating committee for the 1998 Club Officers. The members discussed the Beaumont coin show and the upcoming spring show. There is an article on the Carnival Ride of Bimetallism titled "Time of the Century".

Ten members attended the Oct. meeting. There was a report on the Beaumont Show and it was reported that the four area clubs made a modest profit. Unfortunately several dealers suffered losses due to theft. The Spring show will have better security. Jerry Williams made the motion to have the club pay for the Christmas dinner for all members. This motion passed. Jerry will give a program in Nov. on "Commemoratives". Dewey reported that six tables have already been sold for the spring show. Barbara Edwards reported on the board meeting of the TNA and the \$500 donated by the TNA to the Clements Coin Club. She also informed everyone that the Coins For A's program needs donations. In this issue there is an article titled "For the Love of Money", about a collector named Kevin Mercanti and the 1913 Nickel.

The Greater Orange Coin Club meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Thomem Community Center in Orange, at 7:00pm.

--Charles Cagle, Club Secretary

Greater Port Arthur Coin Club, (Dollars and Cents)



The Sept. meeting had 11 members and guests present. Ed White gave a program on Germany's economy from the end of WWI through WWII.

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